

“Painting a Bright Future”
Overseas Special Education Workshop
Thursday, May 29, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center’s
Foreign Service Institute
Arlington, VA

In this one-day workshop, parents will learn how to proactively navigate the Department’s overseas education support system to create the best action plan for their children with special education needs. This training is specifically designed for parents of children with special education needs who currently are or who plan to be assigned to a U.S. mission abroad. The workshop will present a comprehensive picture of the Department’s special education support system and will provide attendees an opportunity to participate in a question and answer session with presenters. All attendees will receive extensive resource materials for future reference and support. This free workshop is open to all personnel, family members, and members of household from all Foreign Affairs agencies.

Curriculum and Objectives:

Key contacts and subject matter experts will include representatives from: the Employee Consultation Service (ECS), the Office of Allowances (A/OPR), the Office of Overseas Schools (OOS), the Family Liaison Office (FLO) and the Transition Center’s Overseas Briefing Center (OBC). Additionally, a special segment entitled, “Parent-to-Parent Support” will feature candid tips and advice from parents of children with special education needs.

Specific modules include:

- Navigating the System (ECS) – Where do I start?
- Special Education Needs Allowance (A/OPR) – What does the special education allowance cover and what are the exceptions?
- Office of Overseas Schools (OOS) - Educating my child.
- The Education Resource Specialist (FLO) and the CLO Component – How does FLO/CLO provide support to families?
- Post Research (OBC) - How can I learn what’s available at post for my child with special education needs?
- Parent-to-Parent Support – What can I learn from other parents of children with special education needs and how can I connect with them?

Who Should Attend:

This training is specifically designed for parents of children with special education needs who currently are or plan to be assigned to a U.S. mission abroad. This includes parents who have not yet received special education information from the Department as well as those experienced parents who are already engaged in the system. This program will focus on the resources available for children who require emotional, physical and developmental special education accommodations overseas and will not cover gifted and talented needs, advanced placement options or other allowance categories for special needs. This workshop is open to all personnel, family members, and members of household from all Foreign Affairs agencies.

Prerequisite:

None

Sponsoring Groups:

This workshop is organized by the Foreign Service Institute's Transition Center in partnership with: the Employee Consultation Service (ECS), the Office of Allowances (A/OPR), the Office of Overseas Schools (OOS), the Family Liaison Office (FLO), the Transition Center's Overseas Briefing Center (OBC), the Leadership and Management School (LMS) and parents of children with special education needs.

Registration:

Email FSI's Transition Center at: FSITCTraining@state.gov or call 703-302-7268 or 703-302-7269. Include name and Foreign Affairs agency affiliation. Last day for registration is May 27, 2008. Please bring a government-issued photo ID for entry to FSI. For more information about the location or directions to the Foreign Service Institute, see [FSI DIRECTIONS](#). NOTE: Lunch is on your own via cafeteria or brown bag.

For more information:

For more information about this workshop and other Transition Center programs and training classes for personnel, family members and members of household, see our website at: <http://www.state.gov/m/fsi/tc/>.